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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ann M. WOLLRATH et al.) Group Art Unit: 2126
Application No.: 08/636,706) Examiner: Sue X. LAO
Filed: April 23, 1996) Confirmation No.: 3311
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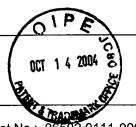
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INFORMATION TO ENABLE A PROGRAM OPERATING IN ONE ADDRESS SPACE

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1. Continued Prosecution Application Transmittal (4 pages)

2. Copy of prior specification (27 pages, including Appendix A-B, drawings 6 sheets (Figs. 1 - 3a)

3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2 pages)

4. PTO 1449 (7 pages) including 119 references (1 box)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.14(c). Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate they they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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